2013

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

INTERIM STUDIES, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

STUDIES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

• **Appropriation for Delisting of Wolves** (2013 General Session S.B. 3, Item 24) The Division of Wildlife Resources is required to report on what was accomplished with the \$300,000 appropriated in the 2012 General Session for the delisting of wolves from the endangered species list. Due June 30, 2013.

• Consumer Electronic Device Recycling

Utah Code Subsection 19-6-1203(4)(b) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to report on consumer electronic device collection, reuse, and recycling systems. Due October 31 of each year.

• Economic Development Task Force (2012 General Session, H.B. 28)
The task force is required to make a final report, including any proposed legislation. Due November 30, 2013.

• Energy Advisor Report

Subsection 63M-4-203(1)(b) requires the governor's energy advisor to report on:

- o the status and development of the state's energy resources;
- o the energy advisor's activities; and
- recommended energy-related executive or legislative action the energy advisor considers beneficial to the state, including updates to the state energy policy under Section 63M-4-301.

• Energy Producer States' Agreement

Subsection 36-12-20(3)(b) requires legislators who are appointed to study and work with legislative members of other energy producing states for the purpose of developing a proposed energy producer states' agreement to report on the agreement. Due November 30 of each year.

• Legislative Review of State Energy Policy

Section 63M-4-302 requires the committee to review the state energy policy and propose any changes to the Legislature.

• Management Plan for Water Conveyance Facilities

Subsection 73-10-33(8) requires the Board of Water Resources to report on water conveyance facilities' compliance with several requirements relating to the adoption of management plans. Due November 30, 2013.



• Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Activities and Expenditures

Subsection 63J-4-603(1)(i)(ii) requires the public lands policy coordinator to, jointly with the Constitutional Defense Council, report concerning the office's activities and expenditures.

• R.S. 2477 Plan

Subsection 63C-4-104(5) requires the Constitutional Defense Council to, jointly with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, present an R.S. 2477 plan after providing the plan to the committee at least seven days before the presentation. Due July 1 of each year.

• Recycling Market Development Zones

Subsection 63M-1-1103(7) requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to submit a written report evaluating the effectiveness of the recycling market development zone program and providing recommendations for legislation. Due November 1 of each year.

• Remediation Waste Fees

Subsection 19-6-118(4)(e) requires the Department of Environmental Quality to review remediation waste fees and make recommendations concerning the amounts of the fees.

• State Jurisdiction Over Water Rights (2013 General Session H.B. 166)
The Department of Natural Resources is required to conduct a study of the state's jurisdiction over water rights, report on the study, and make recommendations for legislation. Due November 30, 2013.

• Utah Outdoor Recreation Office Report

Section 63M-1-3206 requires the director of the Utah Outdoor Recreation Office to report. Due November 1 of each year.

• Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund

Subsections 19-6-410.5 (8) and (9) require the Department of Environmental Quality to study and report on the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund. Due December 31, 2013.

2013 SUNSET REVIEW (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

• Title 19, Chapter 2, Air Conservation Act, is repealed July 1, 2014.

2013 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

- **Air Quality Interventions** to study short- and long-term interventions to improve air quality in Utah. (Redd)
- **Air Quality Solutions** to study possible solutions to the current air quality problem, specifically ideas to encourage the use of public transit systems. (Poulson)

- **Animal Shelters** to study if it is more costly to use lethal injections as opposed to carbon monoxide and to study how animal shelters are regulated and how the legislature can ensure that shelters are using compressed carbon monoxide (H.B. 150). (Romero)
- **Domestic Horses** to study how to provide for the humane treatment, slaughter, and disposal of domestic horses. (Anderegg)
- Greater Canyonlands Litigation Costs to study and determine the total amount of money from all sources spent on the ongoing land lawsuit. (Dabakis)
- Interstate Agreements on Water Issues to study what the role of the Legislature should be prior to the governor or an executive branch agency entering into interstate agreements, including agreements on water rights issues. (Nelson)
- **Mattress Recycling** to study the creation and implementation of a program to recycle mattresses. (Arent)
- **Protecting the Greater Canyonlands Region** to study ways to urge Congress and the president to take action to protect the publicly owned, world-class resources of the Greater Canyonlands region as a natural, undeveloped area for the recreational use and enjoyment of Utahns and Americans for generations to come. (Dabakis)
- "Right to Know" Regarding Genetic Information to study the right of consumers to be given notice regarding genetic information, including the labeling of food, including grains, that contain genetically modified organisms. (Stratton)
- Rulemaking by the Division of Air Quality to study the process utilized by the Division of Air Quality to develop administrative rules. (Wiley)
- Uniform Agriculture Cooperative Association Act Amendments to study the powers of agricultural cooperative associations and a prohibition against agricultural cooperative associations unilaterally voiding or terminating a patronage refund (S.B. 288). (Hinkins)
- Water Pollution Reduction to study ways to reduce pollution caused by excessive nutrients in Utah lakes, rivers, streams, and reservoirs, emphasizing mechanisms to help the agriculture industry and other nonpoint sources to reduce nutrient pollution (S.B. 216). (Van Tassell)
- Wildfire Suppression to study wildfire suppression efforts in the state. (Briscoe)

